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TOPIC 1. Road Construction Battalion at the Mesto Libava Troop Training Grounds.  
2. Headquarters of the Mesto Libava Troop Training Grounds.

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Prior to 18 September 1950 Road Construction Battalion [REDACTED] was stationed in the evacuated village of Velka Strelina (P 50/006) at the Mesto Libava (P 50/O 07) troop training grounds. It was subordinate to the 3rd Karpatsky Engr Regt in Kromeriz (P 50/N 92). \* The battalion consisted of the headquarters, I Company and X Company, totaling six officers and about 400 EM. The companies were organized into three platoons, most of the personnel being politically unreliable. Major Lraz, (fnu), was commanding officer and Staff Captain Vancura, (fnu), DOZ officer of the battalion. Sixty percent of the personnel were Czechs, 20 percent Slovaks and 20 percent Sudeten Germans. The personnel were not armed. The battalion was assigned to repair work on the roads of the troop training grounds. Similar units, known as penal battalions, were said to be stationed in Limon (O 51/F 95), Breclav (P 49/S 75), Svata Dobrotiva near Pilsen (N 50/L 04) and Oremov Lazne (Q 49/C 72).

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2. The headquarters of the Libava troop training grounds [REDACTED] and was located in Libava. The officers included Colonel Alois Spata, commandant; Major Sevizik, (fnu), DOZ officer; Captain Jury Antola, commanding officer of the technical company; and Lieutenant Colonel Kroupa, (fnu), commandant of the fuel dump. The headquarters comprised a headquarters company, a technical company, and a motor transport company with a total personnel of about 250 men. This headquarters also controlled an ammunition dump in Libava and a fuel dump in Smilov (P 50/O 06). \*\*

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- \* [REDACTED] Comment. The 3rd Engr Regt, which is subordinate to the Hq 3rd MD in Brno, has been known to be in Kromeriz since the beginning of 1948. [REDACTED]

- \*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The large troop training grounds at Mesto Libava is used predominantly by troops of the 3rd MD.

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